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USITANU THEATRE.
AMATEUR PERFORMANCE will be
 given in this Theatre, in aid of the FUNDS of
 CURRY HALL.
THIS EVENING, April 26th, at NINE p.m.
 The one act comedy
A GUY OF TRIAL
 Followed by Sullivan's Operaetta,
"TRIAL BY JURY"
 by the kind permission of Colonel J. A. G. de
 Oliveira and the Hon. Mr. J. B. de Azevedo, their aid
 will perform the Overture to "Standola,"
 and the Stacatto (Elegiac Solo, Mr. Buchanan,
 Minnieques of Meyerbeer.
 Admission FREE, and the price of which, price TWO
 DOLLARS, can now be obtained from Messrs.
 SONS, CANTON and Co.
 W. WHEELER,
 Hon. Secretary Hawaiian Choral Society.
 Hongkong, 22nd April, 1878. [581]
FOR BANGKOK.
"RAJANATTIANCHAR,"
 T. Hopkins, Commandant, will be despatched
 on the 30th, on the SAURDAY, the 27th
 inst. at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th April, 1878. [800
R. SWATOW, AMOY, AND POOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"YESSO,"
Captain S. Ashton, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 28th instant, at
A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

HONGKONG, 24th April, 1878. 1091
 STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
 CARRYING CARGO at through rates, for NAGASAKI
 and HIOGO.
 THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
 "LOMBARDY"
 will leave for the above place about 24 hours
 after her arrival with the next English Mail.
 ADAM LIND,
 Superintendent.
 HONGKONG, 24th April, 1878.
 STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
 THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

I leave for the above place shortly after the
 arrival of the Steamship "LOMBARDY" with
 the next English Mail.
 ADAM LIND,
 Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 24th April 1878.

NOTICE—
 THE Departure of the Steamer "THALES"
 for Australia is unavoidably postponed
 till TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at Noon.
 Mails at the Post-office will CLOSE at 11.30

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1878. [684]

N O T I C E.

THE Undersigned begs to give notice that he has RESIGNED his SEAT at the BOARD of DIRECTORS of the ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, which resignation has been duly accepted by the Shareholders of the Company, and in future he will not be Responsible for any Transaction of the Company.

OHUN SHOONG LAI,

Otherwise called CHUN SUI SHANG.
HONGKONG, 24th April, 1878. [603

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TEAMSHIP "MADRAS," FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. Russell & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods
the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless
notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M.
D-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
or the 30th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
[Hongkong, 22nd April, 1878. [677
NOTICE

CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,
EX O. S. S. CO'S S.S. "DIOMED,"
FROM LIVERPOOL.
Shipping Orders must be obtained from
the Undersigned not later than the 25th
inst. for shipment per Steamer "SARPEDON."
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 19th April, 1878. [660]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NON-SIGNATURES per Company's Steamer
"DIOMED," are hereby notified that the

ago is being unshipped into Crato, & is to be
the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both
cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The cargo
will be ready for delivery from Crato or Godown
after the 18th instant.

Goods undelivered after the 25th instant, will
be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1878. [646

**TEAMSHEET "ESMERALDA" FROM
MANILA.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named
Steamer are hereby notified that their
goods are being landed and stored in the fol-

of the Undersigned at their risk and ex-
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 17th April, 1873. [661
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Company's
Steamer "CHINA" are hereby notified
that their Goods are being landed and stored in
the Company's Godown at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 17th 1873. [669]
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 CONSIGNEERS of the following Cargo are
 requested to send in their Bills of Lading
 for the undersigned, for countersignature, and
 for immediate delivery. This Cargo has been
 loaded and stored at their risk and expense.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 H. DU POUET

Ex "DIEMALIA" Agent
 MS. W. MacG. Smith, 1 case Belts, from
 London.
 Hongkong, 11th April, 1878.
 NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
 STEAMSHIP "MACTAN," FROM
 MANILA
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 named Steamer are hereby notified that
 the Goods are being landed and stored in the
 Warehouse of the *Thames and Mersey*

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong 19th April, 1878, 693

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Singapore, E. Australia, &c.—P.
 to-day, the 24th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
 monetary mail on board. Late fee 18 c.
 For Port Darwin, Cooktown, Sydney
 Per *Thais*, to-day, the 24th instant
 P.M. No supplementary mail on board.
 For Yokohama and Hingo.—To-day,
 instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Bangkok.—To-morrow, the 25th
 5 P.M.
 For Cebu, Manila, E. Australia

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT PACKET.
The Australian Contract Packet "B" will be despatched from Hongkong on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, with a cargo for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, New Zealand, and Melbourne.
Correspondence cannot be registered.

11.15 A.M.
The Mails will be closed at 11.30 A.M. on board with late
payments till time of departure.
Correspondence for New Zealand
specially directed via Torres Straits,
be sent via Gallie.
Correspondence for Southern
Australia can be sent by this route if de-
sired as a general rule it is better to send it
by the direct route.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PA-
KET.**
The French-Contract Packet "DJE-
NE" will leave on the 12th inst.

will be despatched from Hongkong on
DAY, the 27th April, with Mails
through the United Kingdom and
via Marseilles, to: Saigon, Singapore,
Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of C
the Mails, &c. —

FRIDAY, 26th April.

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. F
closes except the NIGHT BOX, which
open all night.

SATURDAY, 27th April.

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale o

Registry of Letters, and Posting of
spondence.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for
bers.
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only
posted on payment of a Late Fee or
extra postage, until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLO
tively.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PA
The English Contract Packet "

will be despatched with the Mails for
 &c., on SATURDAY, the 4th May.
 The following will be the hours of
 Mails, &c.:—
 FRIDAY, 3rd May,
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the N.
 which remains open all night.
 SATURDAY, 4th May,
 7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of
 Registry of Letters, and Posting of
 correspondence.
 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for
 some Registry of Letters cases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on p
a Late Fee of 15 cents extra Postage
11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES
11.30 A.M. Letters (but Letters only)
to the United Kingdom *via* Britain
Singapore, may be posted on board t
with Late Fee of 45 cents extra post
11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally cl

COMMUNICATION WITH BATAVIA
The Netherlands India Packet leaves
ports fortnightly, and are fitted to t
of the outward P. & O. Mail from Eur

The French Packets for Batavia
Singapore for the Packet from China
fortnightly.
It follows that, to forward Correspondence
to Batavia with the least delay, the
are the best opportunities:—
In the S.W. Monsoon.
The English Mail.
The French Mail.
In the N.E. Monsoon.
A Private Steamer a few days
English Mail.
The French Mail.

PARCELS.

The public is reminded that, in Japan, there is no much thing as a Parcel. Much trouble and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuables through the Post. Fans, Curios, A Dress, Fancy Work, and similar parcels continually being refused, the sender often spent more in Postage than was paid the freight by steamer. No refusal made on such parcels of the value of £100 is obliterated before the nature of the contents are discovered.

The attention of owners, agents, and
of steamers is drawn to the provision
Post Office Ordinance, 1876, which
force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice
quired of the departure of a vessel if
tised, nor of departures for Canton.
Notice is now required of any departu
with regard to sailing ships, the old
practically remain in force, that notice
be sent unless asked for.

Section XXV, requires that the first sent to the Post Office.

In the case of steamers plying regular fixed days, notice of any change in the hour will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be board any vessel after the Mail is closed Post Office.

The Postmaster-General takes this opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will cause a fine, and to the advertisement of any illegal Consignees' letters are exempted from passing through the Post Office.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' PETITION
Privates in H.M. Army, or Navy,
disbanded. Officers (but not Warrant
viz., Assistant Engineer, Gunner, F
or Carpenter), Army Schoolmaster
Superintending or First Class, or S
tresses may send half-crown letters
United Kingdom via Southampton J
D. and J. W. 1891.

Packet for one penny; or via Brindisi to
 Packet for three pence. Hongkong
 will prepay this class of correspondence
 the same as Imperial Stamps.
 Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are
 charged as ordinary letters if they do
 conform to the following regulations—
 1.—Not to exceed half an ounce. No
 letters are allowed.
 2.—If from a Soldier or Sailor, his
 desertion must be stated in full on the
 and the Commanding Officer must
 name, with name of Regiment, or Ship
 full.

3.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his description must be stated in full, with Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

Most countries to which Hongkong Correspondence having joined the Postal Union or being probably about to be so, it is necessary that the following be strictly observed.

1.—No Letter or Packet, whether registered or unregistered, can be received for post which contains gold or silver money, jewels, articles or anything that, as a

2.—This Regulation prohibits the sale of patterns of dutiable articles, unless the value be so small as to make the sample valueless.

3.—The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Officers, 5lb. if without intrinsic value.

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, 1lb.

PATTERNS.—8 oz.

4.—The following articles cannot be

not at all.—Glass, Liquids, Gum-
latches, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuffs,
are never dangerous to the animals or
injurious to persons dealing with them.

